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Newsletter #145:

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Greetings from Atlanta,Georgia! I just finished two jam packed days of the National Money Show. I attended to fulfill my duties as a governor of the ANA and naturally to buy and sell coins. I did not take a table this year at the show since this was the first time I actually attended a mid-winter ANA. I was dipping the toe in so to speak before I took the leap to get a table. Normally I have little time to peruse the exhibits or museum showcase from ANA headquarters. Nor do I typically have time to go to other dealer's tables and buy coins. This time I attended my meetings for the board and did everything

else that I typically miss out on. I must say that the exhibits were absolutely phenomenal. They were composed of all kinds of various subjects: musicians on paper money, medals of the composer Beethoven, obsolete currency from Georgia and even the history of Coca-Cola (which is incidentally headquartered in Atlanta). The museum selections were interesting and Doug Mudd, a curator from the ANA, was on hand to answer any questions. I was able to buy seven new coins for my inventory from some of my fellow coin dealers. Even though I didn't attend I was ecstatic to hear that Kagin's auction at the show had a record sale. Don Kagin stopped in our board meeting this morning to report it went far beyond his expectations. One of the fun pieces that they sold was Yap stone money. These large stones are from Micronesia and sometimes can be as large as over 8,000 lbs!

The next ANA National Money Show is in sunny Phoenix, Arizona. I plan to get a table next time and I hope to get some of you out there to either attend or if a dealer, take a table! You won't regret it. The success of the show depends on your support. Plus, who doesn't want to visit Phoenix in the winter?

As the Corona virus starts to move throughout the world and I have contemplated whether taking a trip overseas really makes sense. At this point I plan to move forward with my trip. Should that plan change I will let everyone know.

Europe Trip (March 5-20, 2020)

I will be heading over to the other side of the Atlantic to attend the Gorny & Mosch auction in Munich and finally up to Künker Osnabrück for the highly anticipated Samel Collection of Jewish Coins and Medals. Please remember that Künker does not offer online bidding for their in house auctions so if you want to participate get in touch.

Gorny & Mosch Auction 269 (March 9)

I will be viewing and attending the G&M auction on March 9 for all those interested. I haven't received paper catalogs yet but you can view the sale online at their site:

https://auktionen.gmcoinart.de/Auktion/Onlinekatalog?intAuktionsId=822

They have the collection of "Dr. G.W." with a nice group of Greek coins, many pedigreed. I could imagine that Dr. G.W. was Swiss since many coins were purchased from Swiss auctions. Lot 82 is a good example. The surfaces are a bit rough but the strike is good. It is a Fischer Bossert plate coin and comes from Auktion Basel in 1992. Another collector "R.P." has coins within the Greek section that have pedigrees as well. Lot 107 has a Leu pedigree to 1991 and is a beautiful type with iridescent toning. Lot 110 has no pedigree but is an SNG Lockett plate coin (so finding the pedigree probably wouldn't be too difficult). Check out lot 175 with the beautifully expressive face of Pan. It also has a pedigree to 2004 which doesn't hurt. One overall observation from the G.W. collection is that the collector had good taste in coins but might not always have been able to afford the highest of quality. There are several beautiful types with some issues which bring down the prices quite a bit. For the collector that loves these often unattainable pieces, this might be the auction for you!

Agora Auctions Sale 96 (closes March 10)

I'd like to mention Agora Auctions as they have recently had a slight chance to their ownership. The partnership of Matthew Richter and Alfredo DeLaFe has dissolved and

Alfredo is now the sole owner. Alfredo was running around the bourse floor in NY working to have smaller dealers consign to his first solo auction. I've given a few coins for the auction as did many others. There are 348 lots in this sale ranging from coins to antiquities. I hope you'll check it out. You can bid directly on the Agora site here:

https://agoraauctions.com/currentauctions/view/1

Künker 333-336 (March 16-20)

I will be attending the Künker auctions live in Osnabrück, Germany. Auction 333 are all ancient coins starting with the fourth part of the Dr. W.R. Greek, Asia Minor, Cypriot collection. Following this there are coins from the three other unnamed collectors. There are many interesting pieces, several with old pedigrees. Check out lot 1573, a very rare and beautiful solidus of the emperor Procopius that was previously in the Jameson Collection.

Auction 334 is likely going to draw a lot of interest from collectors. It is the Samel Collection of Jewish Coins and Medals. Künker made a point to bring the collection to the NY International to entice collectors and dealers to travel to Osnabrück for this important sale. Many of the coins are untouched and beautiful in terms of ancient Judaean coinage (which I wouldn't define normally as beautiful). Lot 2070 is a remarkable prutah from Jerusalem with a menorah and show-bread table. The catalog is nice in that it has historical writeups and maps to accompany the coins. Please reach out if you want a hard copy catalog for your library. I have several.

Auction 335 is a splendid catalog of breateates, German talers and other medals. The catalog is immense with over 2500 coins. Auction 336 is composed of gold German coins from 1871 forward.

The week at Künker will be exciting and tiring as well I'm sure. Please get in touch if you need representation as there is no online bidding for this auction.

Coin of the Week

ETRURIA. Populonia. c. 300 BC
AR 20 Asses, 8.34g. Head of Metus (Medusa) facing with protruding tongue. Below two large X's / Blank.

Pedigree: Ex NAC 92 (Part 1), 23 May 2016, lot 69

Price: $8,500

References: Rutter, Historia Numorum 152; Vecchi, Etruscan Coinage 58

Grade: Unusually well struck for this issue. Some encrustation on reverse. EF

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Buy Coin

The Etruscan city of Populonia was named for one of its gods Fufluns. There is little known about the Etruscan civilization. Much has been understood because of the coinage produced there. Etruria is located in what is now modern Tuscany, western Umbria and northern Lazio. Prior to the rise of Rome, the area of Etruria was a prosperous one with its own distinct language and culture. A series of battles called the Roman-Etruscan Wars lasted for hundreds of years from the 8th century BC until roughly 280 BC. Eventually the Etruscan population merged completely with the conquering Romans. The Etruscan language lasted another 300 years even after its consolidation with Rome. This coin was struck just previous to the end of Etrurian culture as it was known.

https://www.shannaschmidt.com/greek-coins/etruria-populonia-c-300-bc?rq=gk1210

If you are interested in this coin please click the link above or email me at shanna@shannaschmidt.com

Until next week!
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